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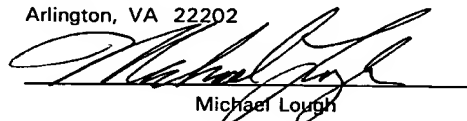
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, mailed November 27, 2002,
Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-83 and 140-143, directed to methods for
introducing nucleic acids into cells and kits therefor, without traverse, for
examination on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 84-139 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Any fees that may be due in connection with this application may be
charged to Deposit Account No. Deposit Account No. 50-1213. If a Petition for
extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

Claims 1-83 and 140-143 are pending in this application.

Claims 17-29, 31 and 32 are cancelled. These claims will be prosecuted
in co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 10/086,745.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, examination and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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